

APPROVED  
 Northridge West Neighborhood Council (NWNC)  
 General Public Board Meeting  
 Tuesday, 11 September 2018  
 Northridge Christian Church  
 18901 Chatsworth Street, Northridge 91326

1. Call to Order, Roll Call, and Pledge of Allegiance

- President Pam Bolin called the meeting to order at 6.22PM, welcomed twelve stakeholders, seven board members, and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Here (7)	Pamela Bolin, Lloyd Dent, Alma Fernandez, Bill Fox, Peter Lasky, Matt McPherson, and Glen Wilson
Absent (2)	Greg Kromhout and Gail Lapaz

2. Comments by Public Officials

- Matt Hernandez, Public Safety Field Deputy for CD12 who serves as the community liaison to the LAPD and LAFD and works closely with the Department of Building and Safety in resolving code enforcement issues as well as handling filming in the northwest valley, mentioned the following:
  - The LAPD, led by Sergeant Andrew Kukla, has put together an enforcement task force to combat illegal street racing; their first weekend resulted in sixteen impounds and eight arrests.
  - Tuesday, September 4, the city council passed a temporary regulation regarding Lime mobility bikes at CSUN.
  - Wednesday, September 12, Councilman Englander will host a memorial at the Ride On Therapeutic Horsemanship Center in Chatsworth on the ten-year anniversary of the Metrolink/Amtrak disaster, which caused 25-deaths.
  - Pam asked if any areas had been reserved for the requested 222 homeless shelters; the response was negative. Pam thought industrial buildings in Winnetka, Chatsworth, or Chatsworth, near Mason or Winnetka Avenues could serve this purpose. Councilman Englander hoped to use city-owned lots for this purpose. A stakeholder thought this homeless housing was to be done by the end of 2018. This deadline was merely a recommendation; it was not an order or signed referendum. Alma asked what Mr. Englander has done for community input; Councilman Englander prefers to wait until he has specific areas in mind. If anyone has suggestions, please reach out to CD12.
  - Glenn Bailey from the Northridge East Neighborhood Council (NENC) heard that LADWP property might be used for storage of homeless people’s things; Matt replied that the North Hills LADWP facility on Hayvenhurst Avenue is being considered for this purpose.
- Jose Galdamez from the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) reported the following:
  - Last August, Mayor Garcetti hosted a City Resilience Liaison Meeting; another planned is for Tuesday, October 30.
  - DONE is excited to announce IgniteLA, a three-month program for young women [ages 14 to 24] that builds civic knowledge and leadership skills to bolster civic engagement. Applications via [empowerla.org/igniteLA](http://empowerla.org/igniteLA) will be open until Wednesday, September 12. Classes will be held on Monday evenings, 5PM to 7.30PM, September through November, at five locations throughout the city.

- The annual Congress of Neighborhood Councils will be held on Saturday, September 22, at downtown's city hall. Board members and stakeholders are urged to RSVP. Parking, breakfast, lunch, and multiple workshops will be provided.
  - The NWNC's election will be on a Saturday in early May at a yet to be determined location. NWNC's first choice was the park, but that will be used by the NENC that day.
  - Janet Hernandez, who has a great deal of experience at city hall, is the new representative to the Neighborhood Council Funding Program
3. Guest Speaker, Assemblyman Dante Acosta from the 38<sup>th</sup> District with Q/A
- While the state assembly is in session, Mr. Acosta flies to Sacramento every Sunday evening, and returns home on Thursday evenings. He was raised in Granada Hills, where he held multiple jobs, including serving ice cream and assisting at his mom's bridal salon. His family moved to Santa Clarita thirty-years ago.
  - Mr. Acosta introduced Angelica Chavez from his Santa Clarita office. In addition, Carli Olson is able to assist constituents from his Simi Valley office.
  - Mr. Acosta is very active on social media (including Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter); he also does frequent mailings to his constituents.
  - Regretfully, there were several bad bills that passed the state assembly this past year, including SB861, a \$330m settlement with large banks. That money was supposed to go towards foreclosure abatement relief; yet this went to California's general fund instead.
  - Since the passage of Propositions 47 and 57, crime has increased 15%. SB1393 further removed a judge's consideration of a repeat offender's criminal history when imposing sentencing, thereby reducing the criminal's incarceration. In addition, several violent felonies have been redefined as misdemeanors.
  - Per the new school start-time bill, beginning in 2020, public schools cannot start earlier than 8.30AM. Although rural and areas are exempt from this bill, it takes away a school's ability to set their own rules. This was passed because kids need more sleep; however, no one seemed to consider that perhaps kids should get to bed earlier.
  - AB1810 funded increased mental health counseling for convicted felons. This enabled defense attorneys and mental health professionals to treat the defendant via a diversion program (rather than go to trial and jail). After two years, the defendant's record may be expunged, with no evidence of the felony or misdemeanor.
  - In addition, a California business owner can no longer ask an applicant if they have a felony or misdemeanor until after an offer of employment has been extended. There was no debate or committee meeting on this issue; it went straight to a vote.
  - SB10 eliminated money bail, which led to the closure of many related businesses and the unemployment of over 30,000 bail bondsmen and their support personnel.
  - Mr. Acosta was the co-author, along with Senator Henry Stern, of a bill to shut down Aliso Canyon until a root cause analysis was created. However, this was killed in the senate. He recently signed a letter requesting that the \$119.5m settlement stay within the Porter Ranch area, rather than diverting some of the funds to cow farmers in the San Joaquin Valley.
  - All energy companies require natural gas, but we must be safe about its storage, and protect people who live nearby. Hospitals are very keen on natural gas, as it is used to sterilize their equipment.
  - Mr. Acosta is one of the co-authors of SB1249 that [effective in 2020] will prohibit animal testing for cosmetics. Even if a component of the product is outside of the distributor's control, that product cannot be sold in California. Vendors have two years to sell off their current inventory.

- He also supported AB2155, which extended landmark campaign finance disclosure of political advertisements to include social media.
  - Mr. Acosta also supported mandatory increased training for those who carry guns, as well as AB3129, which prohibit domestic violence offenders from ever owning a handgun.
  - Other key concerns of Mr. Acosta include the upcoming increase in utility bills, foster care, and public transportation. California already owns the right of way down the 405, and he would love to see a light rail installed there.
  - Currently, 80% are opposed to SB1 that increased the gasoline tax. Pam supports repealing the gas tax via Proposition 6; stakeholder Mrs. Dent supports the gas tax as it helps the environment. Mr. Acosta feels that SB1 was unnecessary as there are other sources of money to fix the roads. Since 2008, money from the truck fees was supposed to be spent to repair the roads; instead, this money went to California's general fund. The general fund now has a \$9B to \$17B surplus; why not use some of that money for road repair? In addition, SB1 led to a significant increase in the DMV fees.
4. Guest Speaker, Rafael De La Rosa, CSUN Assistant Director of Government and Community Relations
- This agenda item was tabled, as Rafael was unavailable.
5. Comments from stakeholders on non-agenda items
- Glenn Bailey from the NENC mentioned that there is a glitch in the city's early notification website; when you click on NWNC, the Westwood Neighborhood Council appears. In addition, sometimes the meetings are posted as occurring at 6.15AM rather than 6.15PM.
  - Glenn also mentioned that the NENC's first choice for Election Day is the Women's Club at 18401 Lassen Street (where they regularly meet). However, someone already reserved that venue. Their 2<sup>nd</sup> choice is the Northridge Park (within their district). Hence, NWNC will need to locate another election site.
  - The annual Congress of Neighborhood Councils will be held Saturday, September 22. Board members and stakeholders are welcome to pre-register by September 18. To ensure adequate food, lunch will be via a ticket.
  - Thursday, September 13, the Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (VANC) will meet at the Sherman Oaks Hospital. This will feature a town hall for all councils along with DONE's General Manager Grayce Liu.
  - The north valley rapid transit bus service recently received \$180m via Measure M. Thursday, September 20, a community meeting will be held at the Congregational Church of Northridge, 9659 Balboa Boulevard (between Plummer and Lassen Streets) to further discuss this issue.
  - Mikkie Loi from the LAPD's Community Relations Office mentioned that the local Neighborhood Watch meeting would be held on Thursday, September 20 at the Garden Christian Fellowship, 20745 Nordhoff Street (just east of DeSoto); Senior Lead Officer (SLO) Parker will discuss personal responsibility.
  - Friday, October 12 is the annual Supporters of Law Enforcement in Devonshire (SOLID) all-you-can-eat pasta dinner at St. Nicholas Church, 9501 Balboa Boulevard from 5PM to 8PM. The area SLOs will serve you dinner, and there will be a silent auction.
  - The LAPD/Devonshire is very active on social media, including Facebook, Twitter, Next Door, and Instagram. They also have a new app that everyone is urged to install on their iPhone and/or Android.

6. Presidential Comments

- Pam led us in a moment of silence for the disasters of September 11 and September 12 (which was the ten-year anniversary of the Metrolink/Amtrak train disaster in Chatsworth).
  - Saturday, September 29 is the annual Valley Disaster Preparedness Fair, 9AM to 1.30PM, at 9400 Shirley Avenue, just south of Plummer Street. Everyone is urged to register online to receive a complimentary Family Emergency Preparedness Starter Kit; one kit per family while supplies last. Please let Pam know if you are available to volunteer at the NWNC booth.
7. Discussion and motion to approve a \$2,000 NWNC Neighborhood Purposes Grant (NPG) to North Valley–YMCA for the 2018 YMCA Thanksgiving baskets program
- Jane Stanton [Executive Director of the local YMCA] mentioned that they have been doing this project for twelve-years. The school principals provide the YMCA with a list of their most needy kids, and baskets are distributed based on the principal’s list.
  - This \$2,000 will go towards a turkey, fresh vegetables, and canned goods within each basket.
  - The YMCA can always use volunteers to assemble these Thanksgiving baskets at the Northridge Lumber Company, 18537 Parthenia Street on Saturday and Sunday, November 10 and 11. Basket distribution will be Monday through Wednesday, November 12-14.
  - Bill Fox made a motion to approve this \$2,000 NPG; Matt McPherson seconded the motion, and it passed:
 

Aye (6)	Bolin, Fernandez, Fox, Lasky, McPherson, and Wilson
Abstain (1)	Dent
Absent (2)	Kromhout and Lapaz
8. Discussion and motion to approve \$250 for support of the VANC 2018 Election Forum to held on October 11 at CBS Studios
- Pam Bolin mentioned that this is one of the best networking events of the year, and made a motion to approve this \$250 expenditure; Bill Fox seconded the motion, and it passed:
 

Aye (6)	Bolin, Fernandez, Fox, Lasky, McPherson, and Wilson
Abstain (1)	Dent
Absent (2)	Kromhout and Lapaz
9. Discussion and motion to approve to change NWNC 2018-19 Budget under Office Expenditures by dropping NWNC Meeting Location \$1,350 line then move \$550 to new Office Expenses line and balance move \$800 to Outreach Events line item (VANC, etc.) under Outreach Expenditures. New totals for Office Expenditures will be \$13,730 and Outreach Expenditures to be \$4,800 instead.
- Treasurer Glen Wilson explained that this is a reallocation of funds, as the NWNC no longer has to pay for their meeting location.
  - Matt McPherson made a motion to approve this budget reallocation; Peter Lasky seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
10. Discussion and motion to approve the August minutes
- Glen Wilson mentioned that there were a few typos.
  - Peter Lasky made a motion to approve the August minutes; Alma Fernandez seconded the motion, and it passed:
 

Aye (6)	Bolin, Dent, Fernandez, Lasky, McPherson, and Wilson
Abstain (1)	Fox
Absent (2)	Kromhout and Lapaz
11. Discussion and motion to approve the August 2018 Monthly Expense Report (MER)

- The following General Operations Expenditures were incurred in August:

Date	Vendor	Description	Amount
August 6	Moore Business Results	Communications Services	\$ 200.00
August 6	Apple One Employment	Minute Taker	247.94
August 6	Decision Publications	Advertising	315.00
August 6	Decision Publications	Advertising	315.00
August 6	Moore Business Results	Communications Services	200.00
August 7	Office Depot	Credit Card Transaction	139.37
August 10	Poquito Mas	Credit Card Transaction	149.85
August 25	2CO.com ICD Software	Credit Card Transaction	96.00
August 27	Foreign Transaction Fee	Credit Card Transaction	.86
		Total	<u>\$1,664.02</u>

- Pam Bolin made a motion to approve this MER; Peter Lasky seconded the motion, and it passed:

Aye (6)	Bolin, Dent, Fernandez, Lasky, McPherson, and Wilson
Abstain (1)	Fox
Absent (2)	Kromhout and Lapaz

12. Discussion and motion to modify and approve updated NWNC committee's and chairs list, including who wants to be on NWNC Election Committee, Education, Public Safety/Resilient and other Committees. Note: may only have up to three NWNC Board Members per NWNC Committee and no limits on stakeholders on each NWNC committee.

- Pam asked if anyone would like to be added to the election or other committees; no one volunteered, and the committee roster remained as presented at the August meeting.

13. Reports by Liaisons and NC Budget Advocate Reports

- Peter mentioned that he has not yet heard back from Don Larson after his request for photographs of topiary frames for the Tampa Avenue medians. There is a concern as Don has already received \$4,000 for the topiary, and keeps extending the installation date.

14. Reports by committee chairs

- Pam has reached out to Stacy, a first responder with the city; Stacy may attend the November meeting to discuss scheduling CPR and first aid training for the board and stakeholders.
- Pam also reached out to American Heritage Landscaping for a proposal to trim sixteen oak trees along Tampa Avenue, between Chatsworth Street and the 118 Freeway. This could cost \$800/tree. Perhaps CD12 and the city could help with this financial burden?

15. Comments by board members on non-related issues to this meeting

- Pam has recently ordered new nametags for the board members.

16. Adjournment

- Pam Bolin adjourned the meeting at 8.05PM.